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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 FOR JOINT INVENTOR
REFUSING TO JOIN IN THE APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for her thorough review of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 submitted to the United States Patent Office (PTO) on January 29, 2001. In response to the Decision on Petition dated March 13, 2001, Paper No. 9, please enter the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 For Joint Inventor Refusing To Join In The Application set out below. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fees are also enclosed herewith.

Applicants note that in the Decision on Petition dated March 13, 2001, the Examiner states that "Applicants failed to demonstrate that the nonsigning inventor, Mr. Hagen, was presented with a complete copy of the application papers for review." Applicants respectfully submit that Mr. Hagen has been presented with a complete copy of the above-referenced patent application and after several telephone conversations with Mr. Gary Haberland, one of the joint inventors, and Attorney Jeffrey S. Whittle, attorney of record for the above-

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referenced patent application, Mr. Hagen, one of the joint inventors, has executed the declaration, power of attorney, and assignment documents. The executed declaration, power of attorney and assignment document from R. Sean Hagen are further enclosed herewith.


Applicants hereby petition to name Mr. Sam R. Marchand as a joint inventor for the patent application although he refuses to join in the patent application. Attached hereto is a statement from Attorney Jeffrey S. Whittle, attorney of record for the above referenced patent application, Mrs. Kathy L. Tissue, executive assistant to Attorney Whittle, and Mr. Gary Haberland, one of the joint inventors of the above-referenced patent application, all establishing the pertinent facts regarding the refusal of Mr. Sam R. Marchand to join in the above-referenced patent application.

Further enclosed herewith is a Declaration signed by the available joint inventors with Mr. Sam R. Marchand's signature block being left empty. The Declaration is being submitted to establish that the available joint inventors make the declaration on their own behalf and on behalf of Mr. Marchand according to MPEP § 409.03(a).

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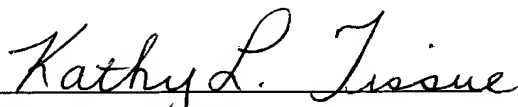
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS SUPPORTING
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47**

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Washington, DC 20231

I, KATHY L. TISSUE, declare as follows:

1. I am an executive assistant to Attorney Jeffrey S. Whittle, the attorney of record in the above-referenced patent application.
2. It is my understanding that the above-referenced patent application is a continuation-in-part of design patent application serial number 29/117,520 filed on January 26, 2000. Mr. Sam R. Marchand signed the declaration, power of attorney, and assignment documents for the parent design patent application on March 2, 2000 (see Exhibit A).
3. Per Attorney Whittle's instructions, I transmitted correspondence to Mr. Sam R. Marchand, one of the joint inventors of the above-referenced patent application, in August 22, 2000. The correspondence included a copy of the above-referenced patent application (claims, specifications, and drawings), along with a copy of all supporting documents

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(declaration, power of attorney, and assignment documents) (see Exhibit B).

4. Upon Attorney Whittle's instructions and after transmitting the above-referenced documents to Mr. Sam R. Marchand, I telephoned him to follow up on the status of the above-referenced documents. Mr. Marchand stated that he had received the documents and that he would execute and send them back to us.

5. The above-referenced documents were never returned to our office.

6. It is my understanding that Mr. Gary Haberland, one of the joint inventors of the above-referenced patent application, transmitted to Mr. Sam R. Marchand, a second package containing the above-referenced documents. It is also my understanding that the second package was delivered via UPS next day air service on January 12, 2001 and that this second package contained a draft of the subject patent application, as well as the supporting documents, as outlined above, for Mr. Marchand's review and execution (see Exhibit C).

7. After the delivery of the second package and upon Attorney Whittle's instructions, I conducted several follow-up telephone calls and left several telephone messages on Mr. Marchand's voice mail.

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8. Mr. Marchand returned one of my calls, stating that he was unable to call earlier because he was out of the country. During our telephone conversation, Mr. Marchand informed me that he would soon forward the executed documents to me.

9. Mr. Marchand never forwarded the above-referenced documents to us.

10. Upon Attorney Whittle's further instructions, at least in June, July, and August, 2001, I conducted additional follow-up telephone calls and left additional voice messages for Mr. Marchand to again inquire as to the status of the above-referenced documents.

11. After conducting the follow-up telephone calls, we received a letter from Mr. Marchand dated August 7, 2001 (see Exhibit D). In his letter, it is my understanding that Mr. Marchand stated that "Genicon still has a balance due in regards to development work carried out by Coalesce. I would be glad to execute these documents, but I do feel that some type of agreement should be reached in regards to the development work carried out."

12. I immediately forwarded this letter to Attorney Whittle for his review.

13. Based on this letter from Mr. Marchand and our still not having received the above-referenced executed

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documents, it is my understanding that Mr. Marchand continues to refuse to join as a co-inventor in the above-referenced patent application.

14. Records indicate that Mr. Sam R. Marchand's last known home address is:

1170 Robmar Rd.
Dunedin, FL 34698.

15. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

8-17-01
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KATHY L. TISSUE

EXHIBIT A

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: Haberland et al.

For: OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA COMBINATION

Enclosed are:

- [X] Design Patent Application: 4 pages
- [X] 16 Sheets of drawings.
- [X] Filing Fee in the amount of \$155.00 for small entity
- [X] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§1.19 and 1.27.

The Declaration is NOT ENCLOSED.

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**OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA
COMBINATION**

SPECIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that **Gary W. Haberland**, an individual citizen of the United States of America, with an address of 573 Waterscape Way, Orlando, Florida 32828, and **Sam Marchand**, an individual citizen of the United States of America, with an address of 1170 Robmar Road, Dunedin, Florida 34698, have invented a new, original and ornamental design for an **OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA COMBINATION**, for which the following is a specification, reference being made to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of the **OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA COMBINATION** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 2 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 1;

Figure 3 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 1;

Figure 4 is a front elevational view of FIG. 1;

Figure 5 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 1;

Figure 6 is a top plan view of FIG. 1;

Figure 7 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 1;

Figure 8 is a perspective view of a **VALVE ASSEMBLY AND CANNULA COMBINATION** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 9 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 8;

Figure 10 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 8;

Figure 11 is a front elevational view of FIG. 8;

Figure 12 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 8;

Figure 13 is a top plan view of FIG. 8;

Figure 14 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 8;

Figure 15 is a perspective view of a **CANNULA** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 16 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 15;

Figure 17 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 15;

Figure 18 is a front elevational view of FIG. 15;

Figure 19 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 15;

Figure 20 is a top plan view of FIG. 15;

Figure 21 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 15;

Figure 22 is a perspective view of an **OBTURATOR HAVING A HANDLE** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 23 is a front elevational view of FIG. 22;

Figure 23A is an enlarged fragmentary elevational view of FIG. 22 having a distal end portion thereof in an extended position;

Figure 24 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 22;

Figure 25 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 22 ;

Figure 26 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 22;

Figure 27 is a top plan view of FIG. 22;

Figure 28 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 22;

Figure 29 is a perspective view of an **OBTURATOR** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 30 is a front elevational view of FIG. 29;

Figure 31 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 29;

Figure 32 is a rear elevational view of FIG. 29;

Figure 33 is a left side elevational view of FIG. 29;

Figure 34 is a top plan view of FIG. 29;

Figure 35 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 29;

Figure 36 is a perspective view of a **VALVE ASSEMBLY** showing the design of our invention;

Figure 37 is a top plan view of FIG. 36;

Figure 38 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 36;

Figure 39 is a front elevational view of FIG. 36, the rear being a mirror image thereof; and

Figure 40 is a right side elevational view of FIG. 35, the left side being a mirror image thereof.

The broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and do not form part of the claimed design.

WE CLAIM:

The ornamental design for an **OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA COMBINATION** as shown and described.

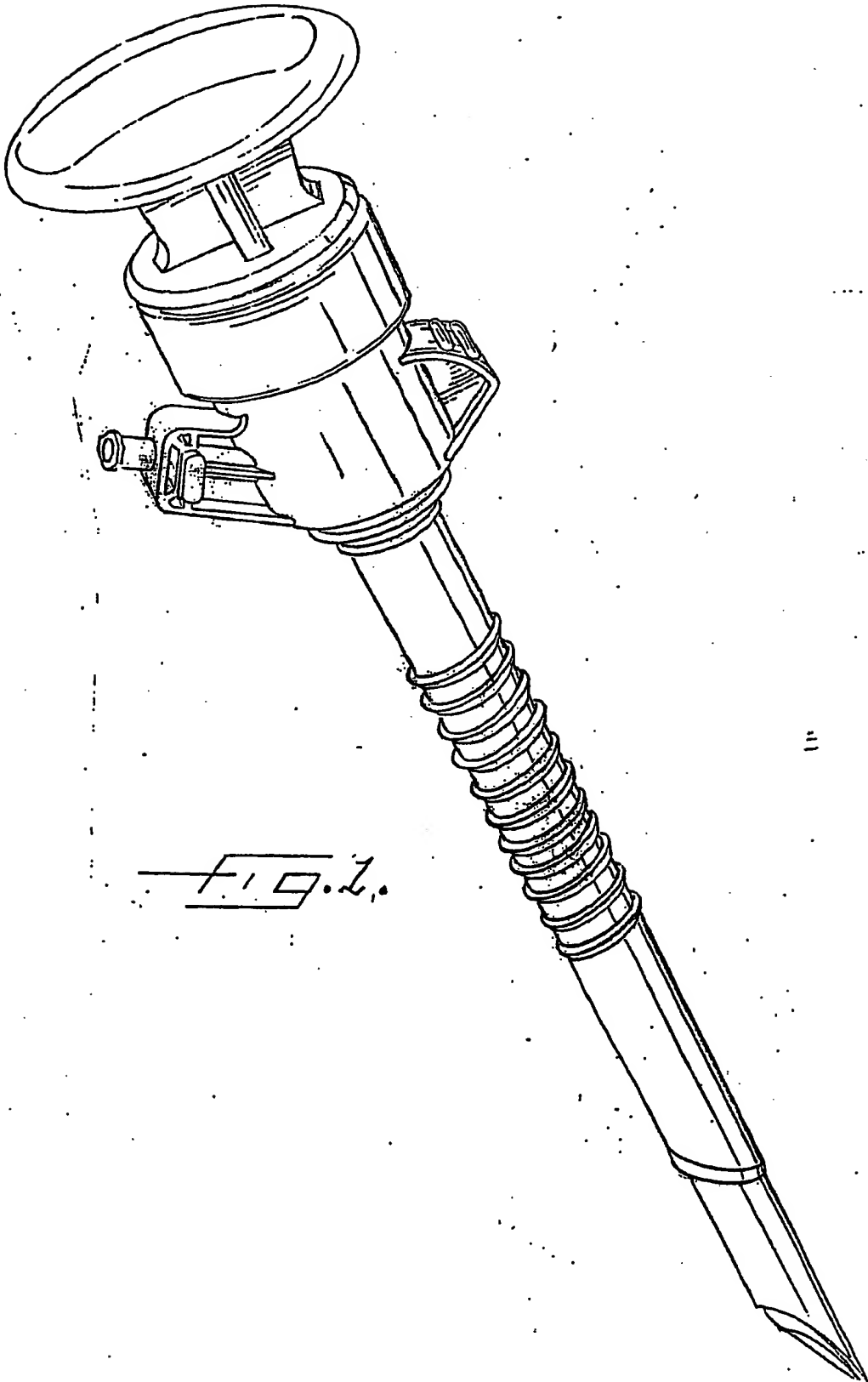


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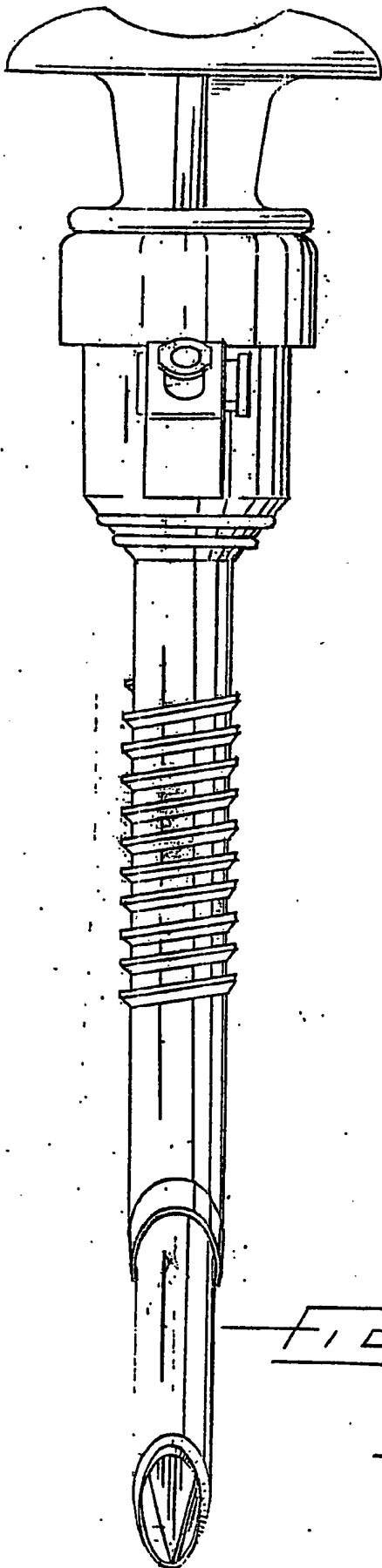


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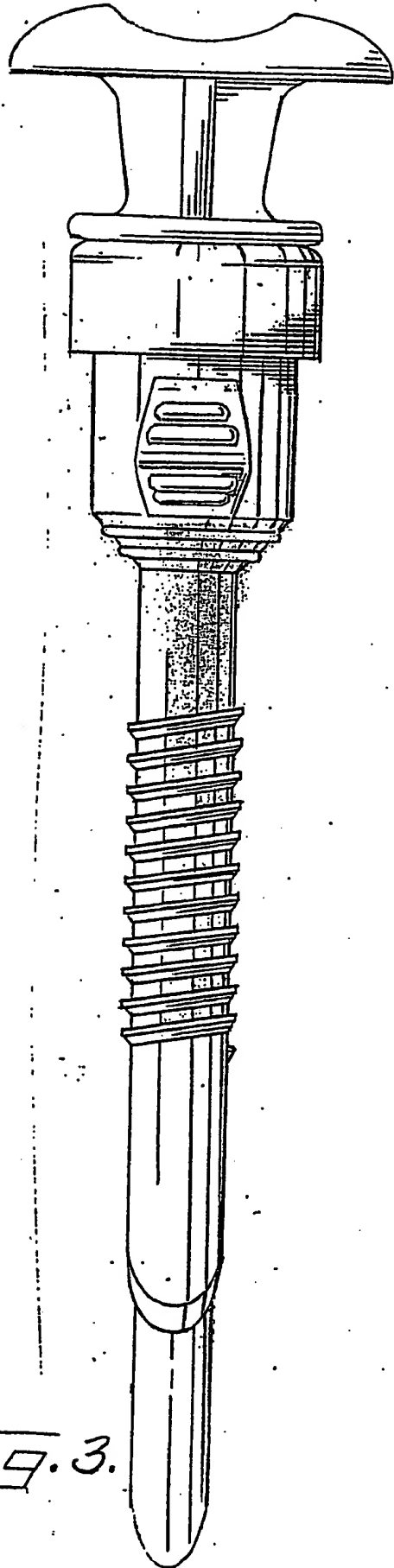
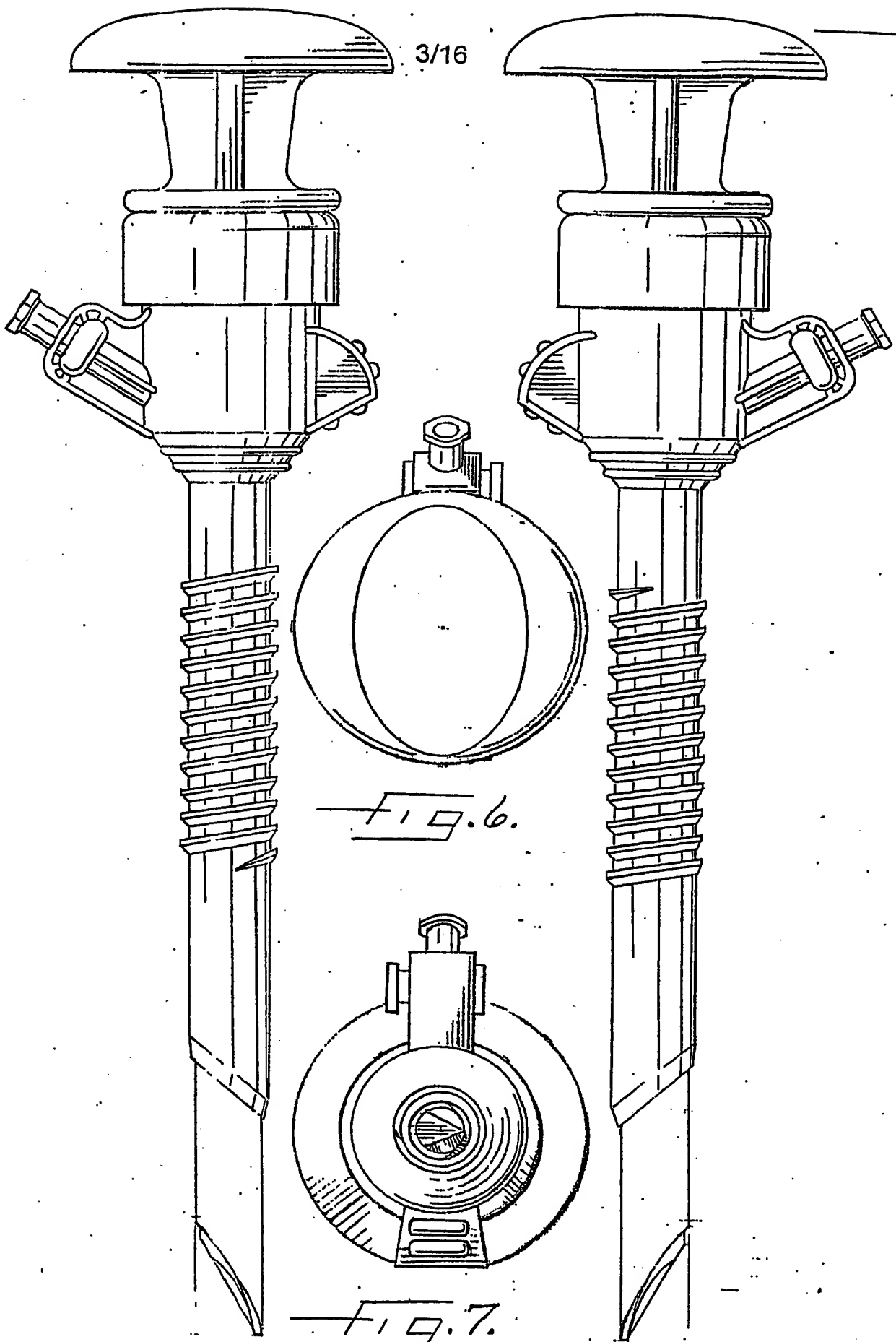


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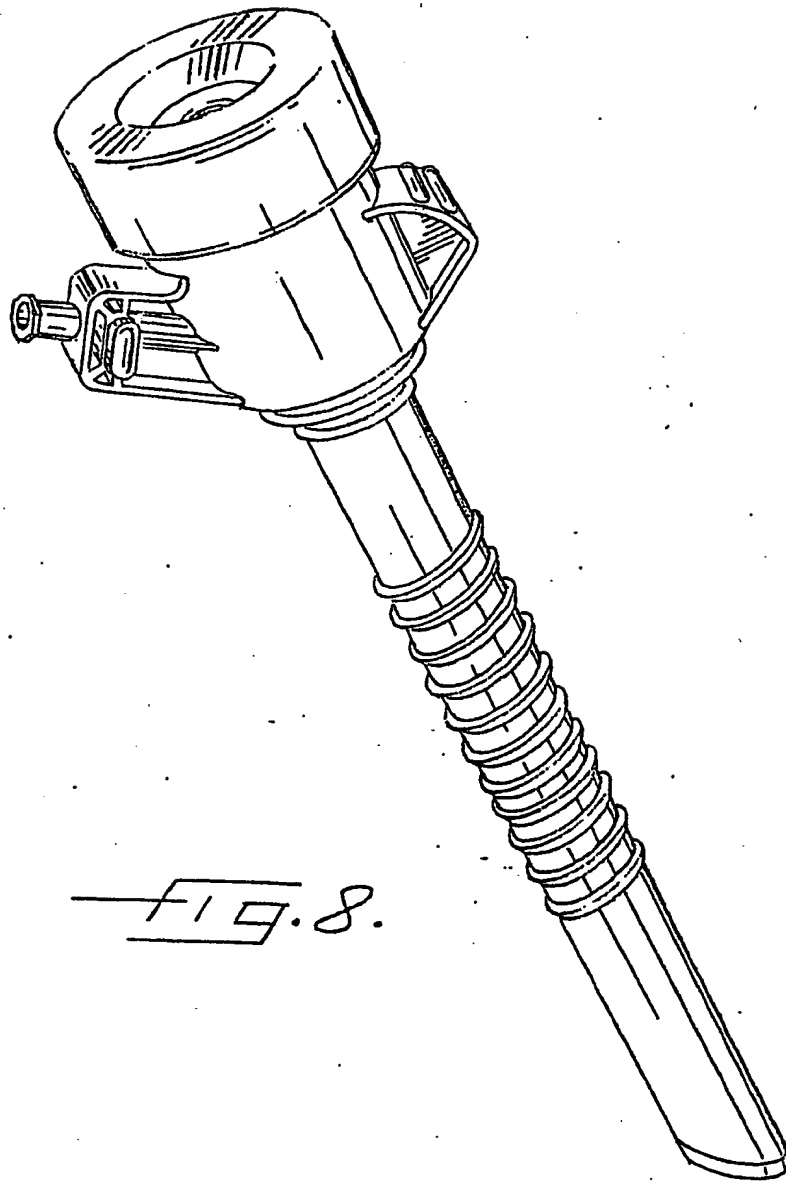
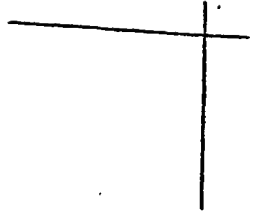


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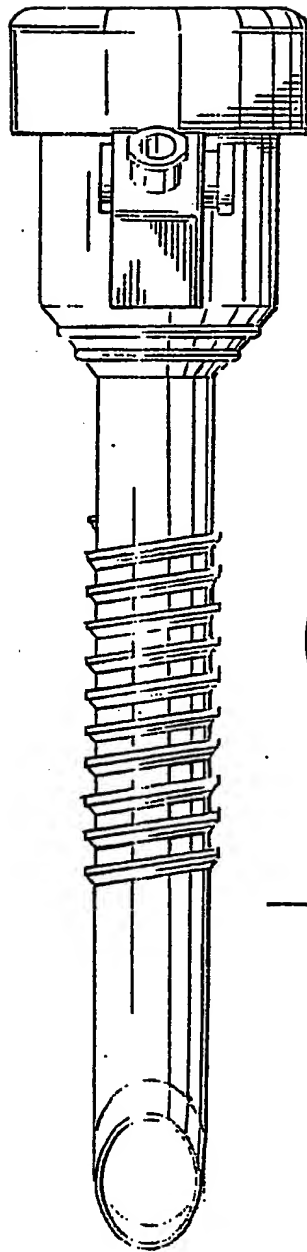
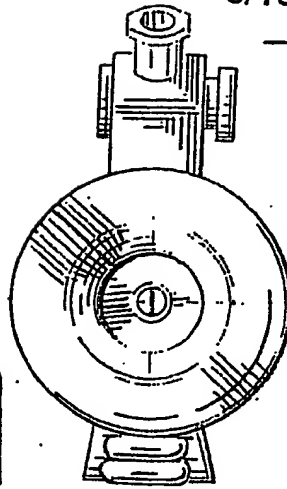


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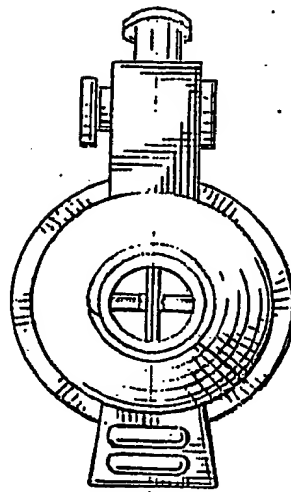


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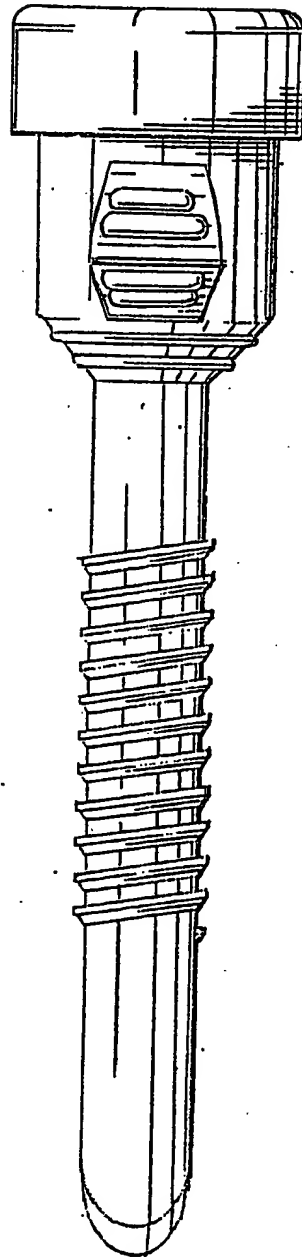


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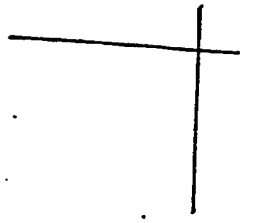


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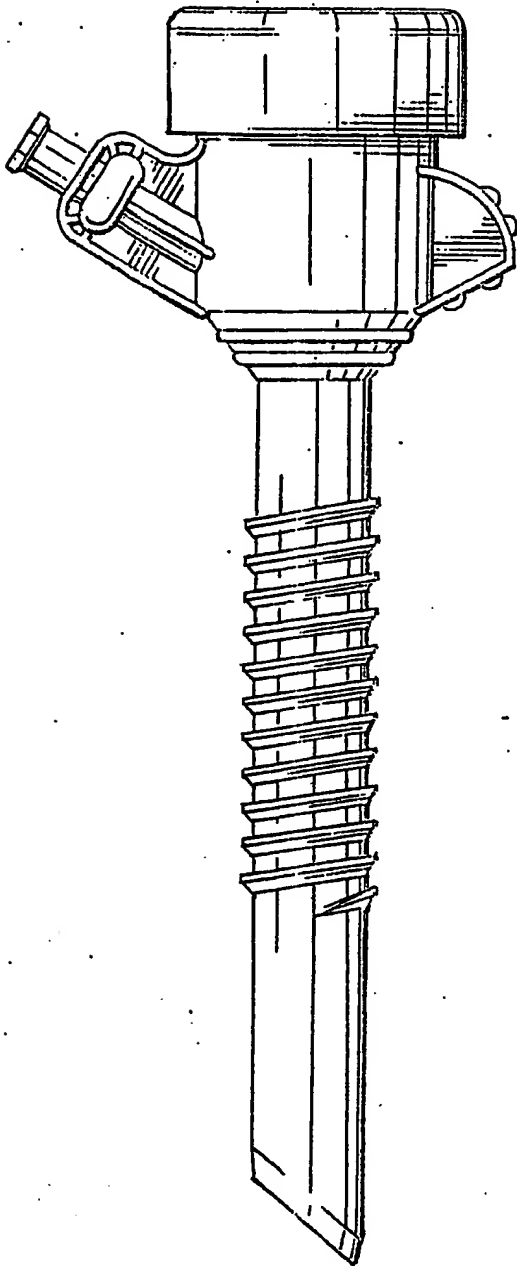
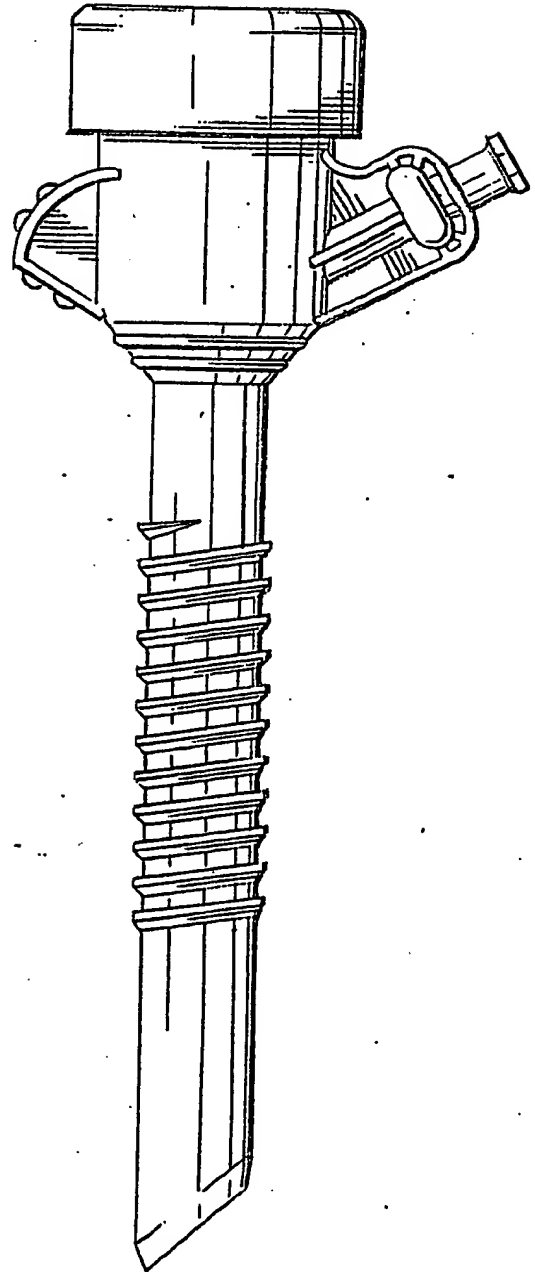


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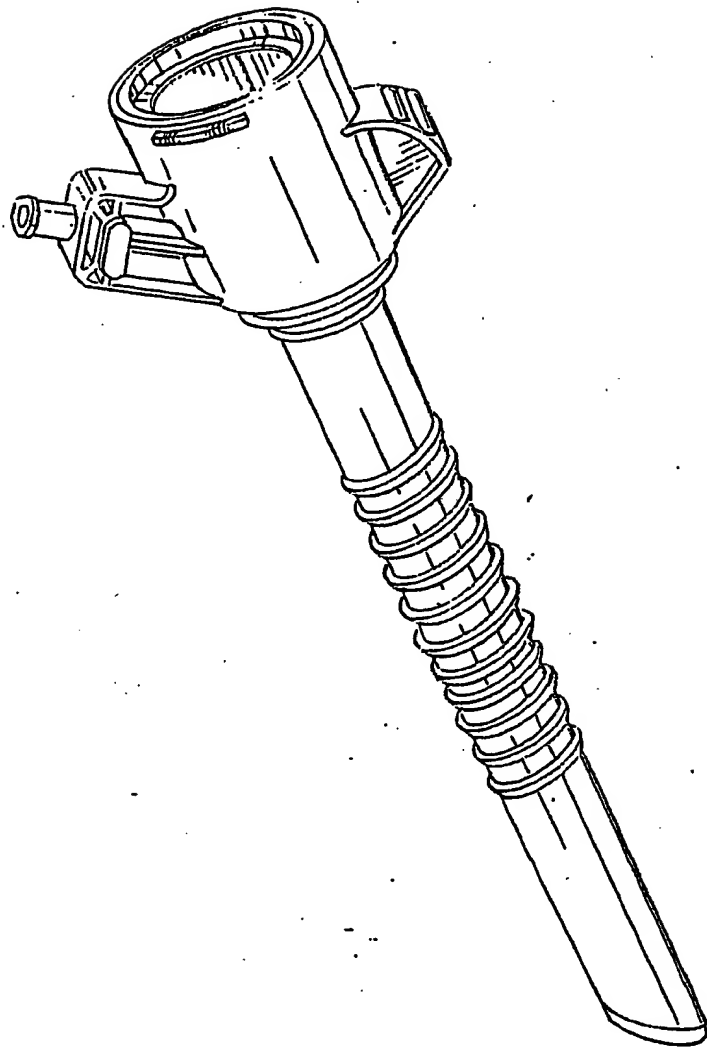


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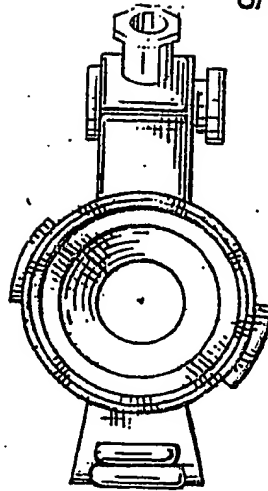


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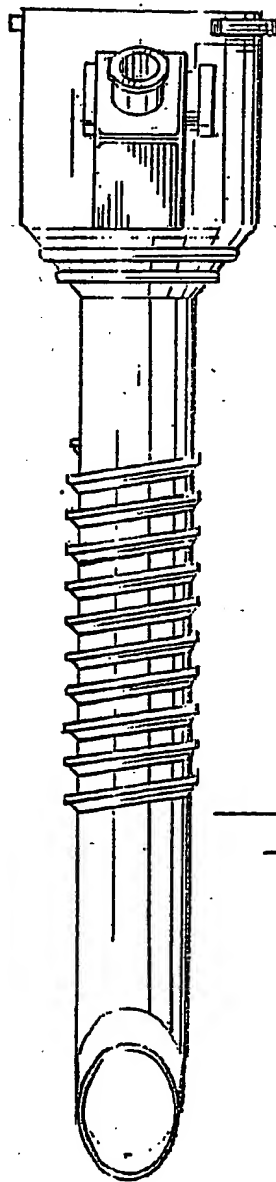


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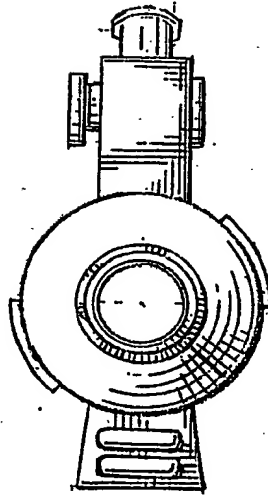
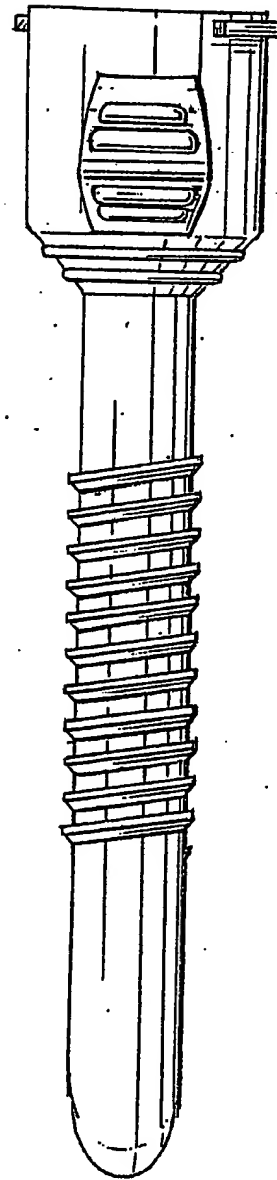


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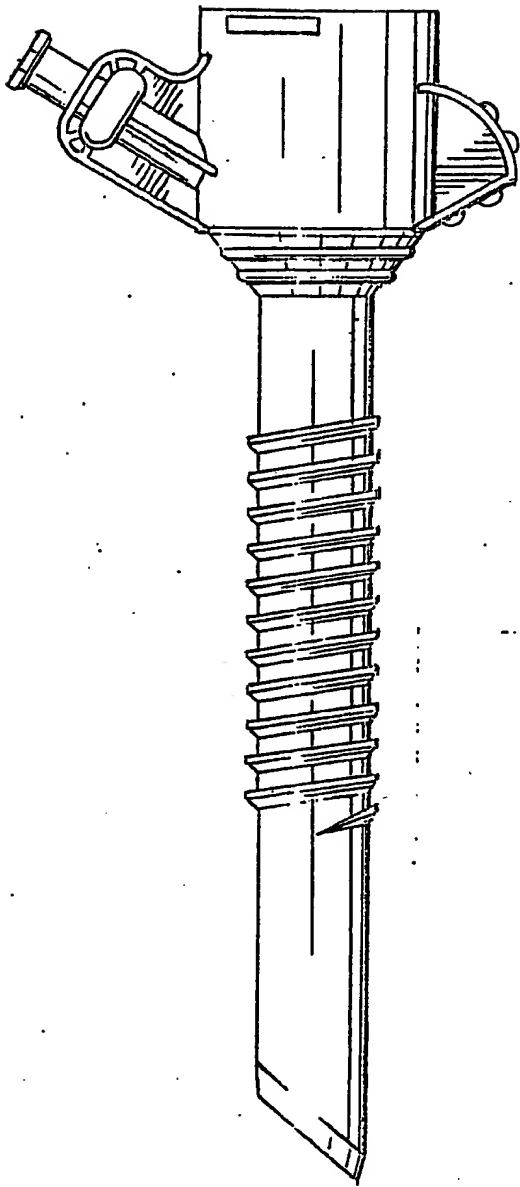


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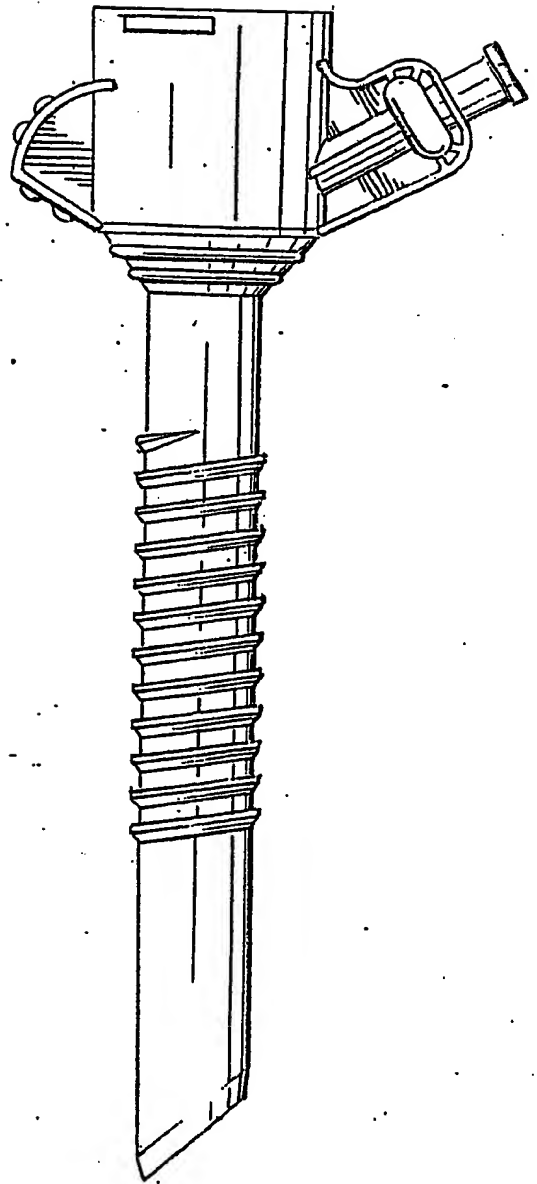


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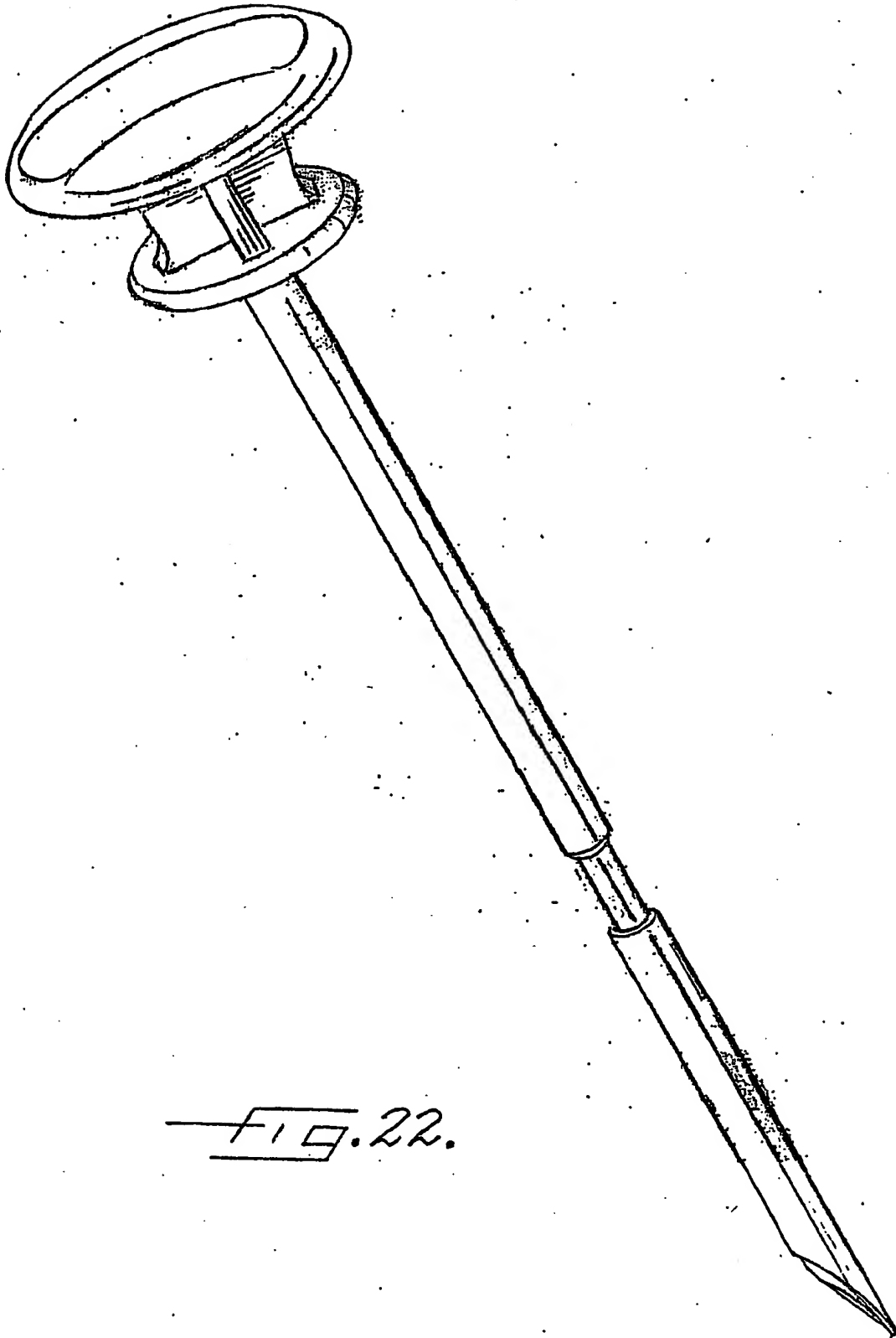
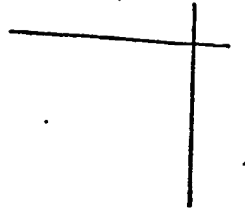


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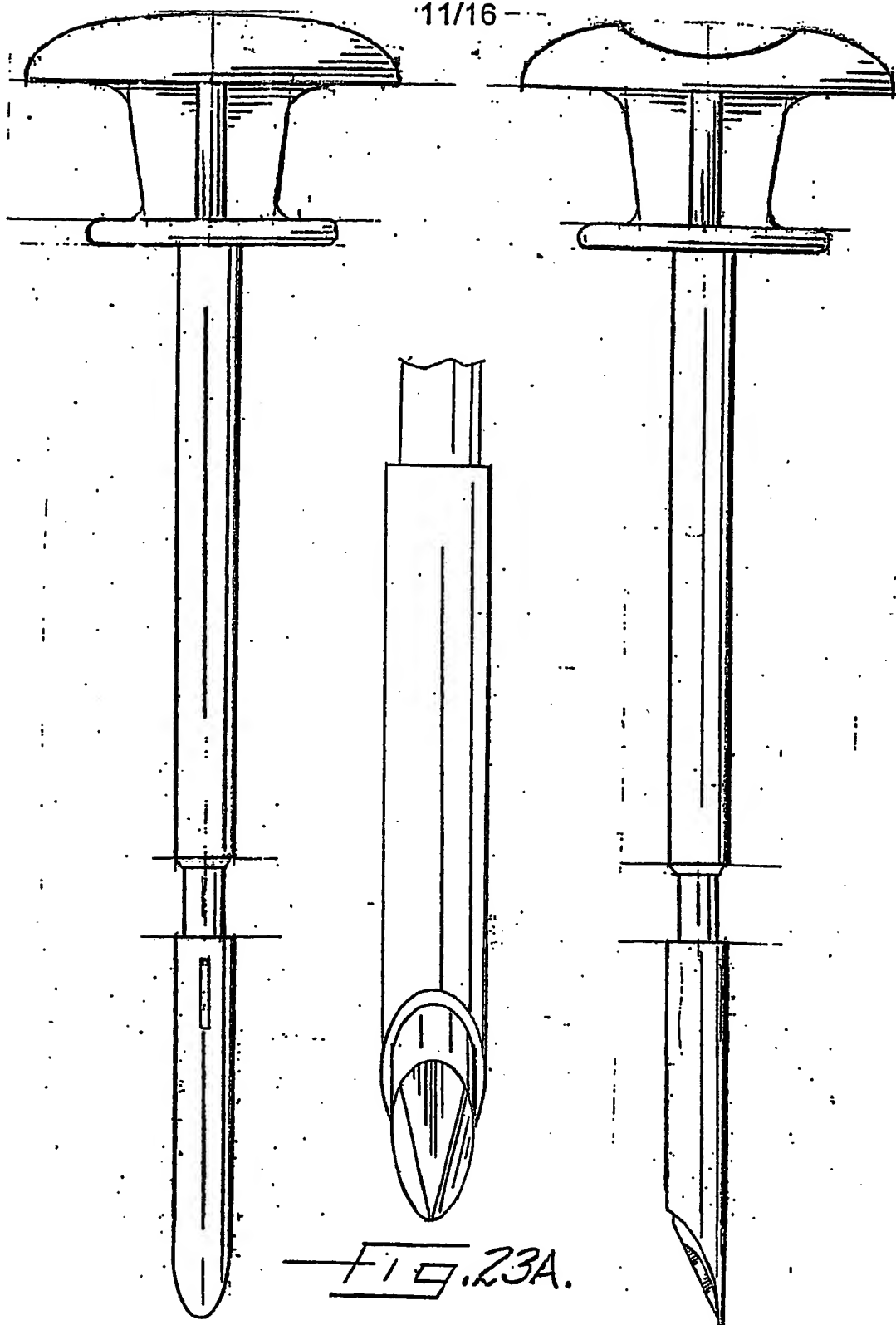


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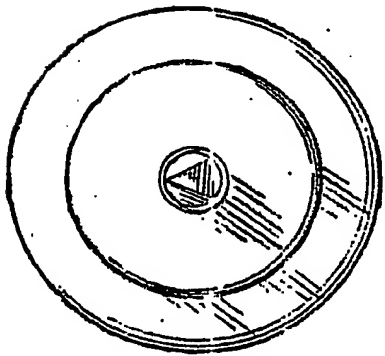
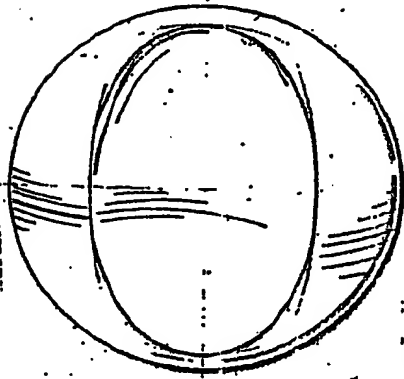


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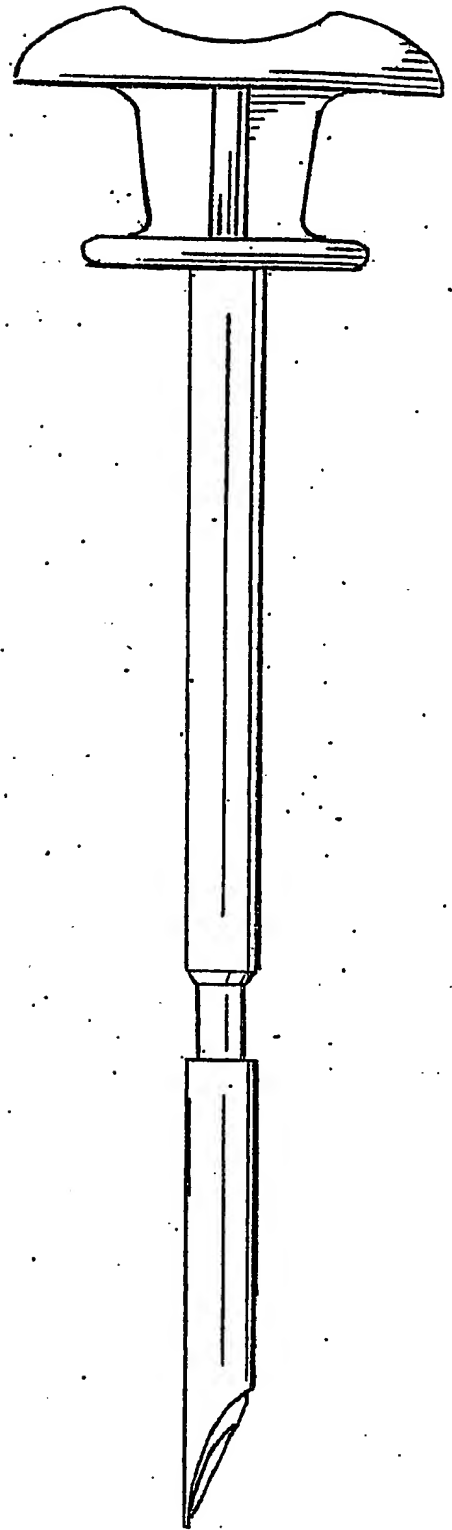
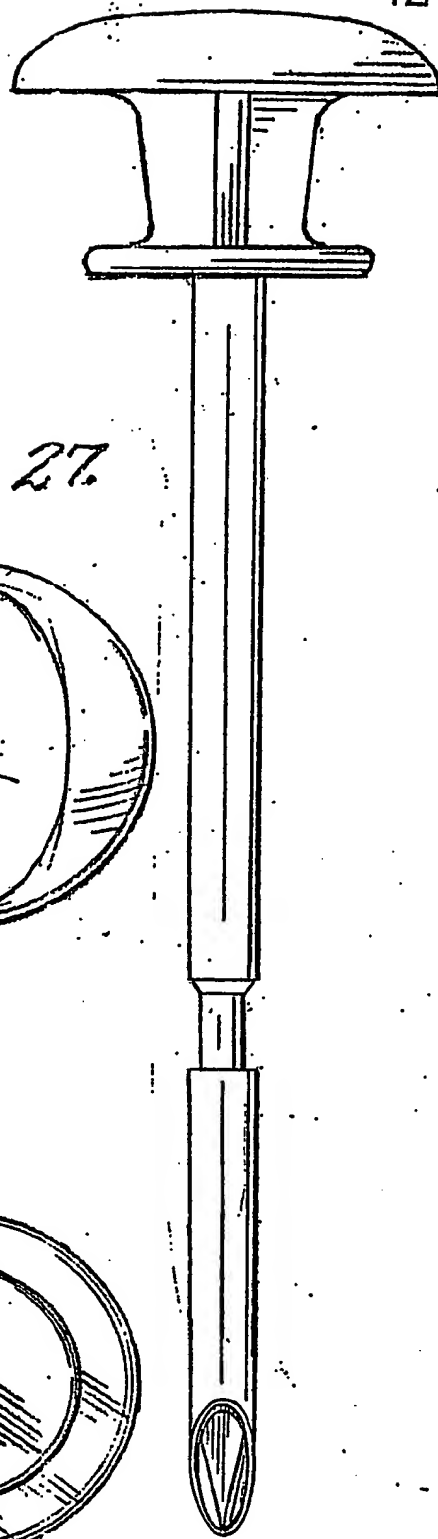


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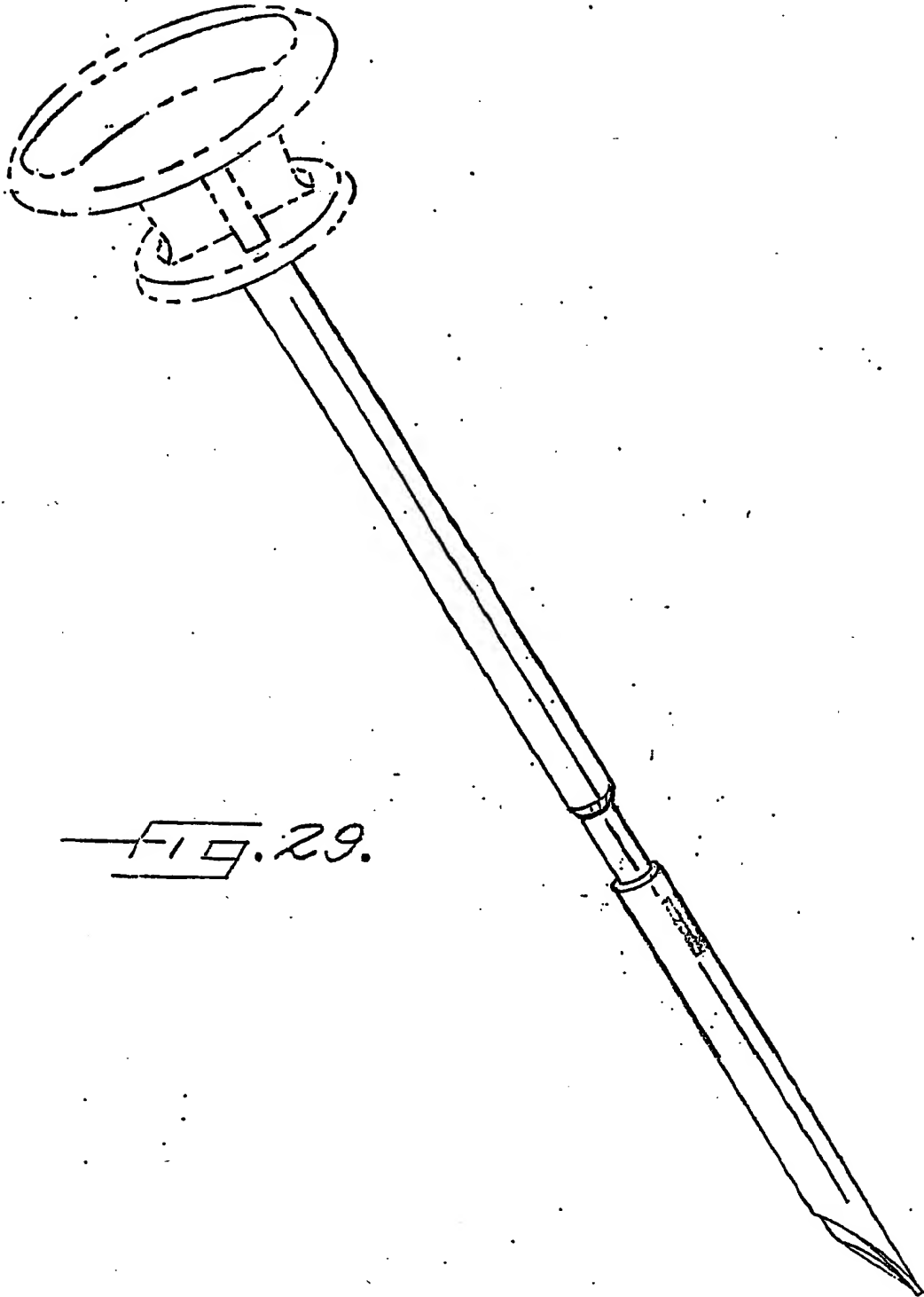
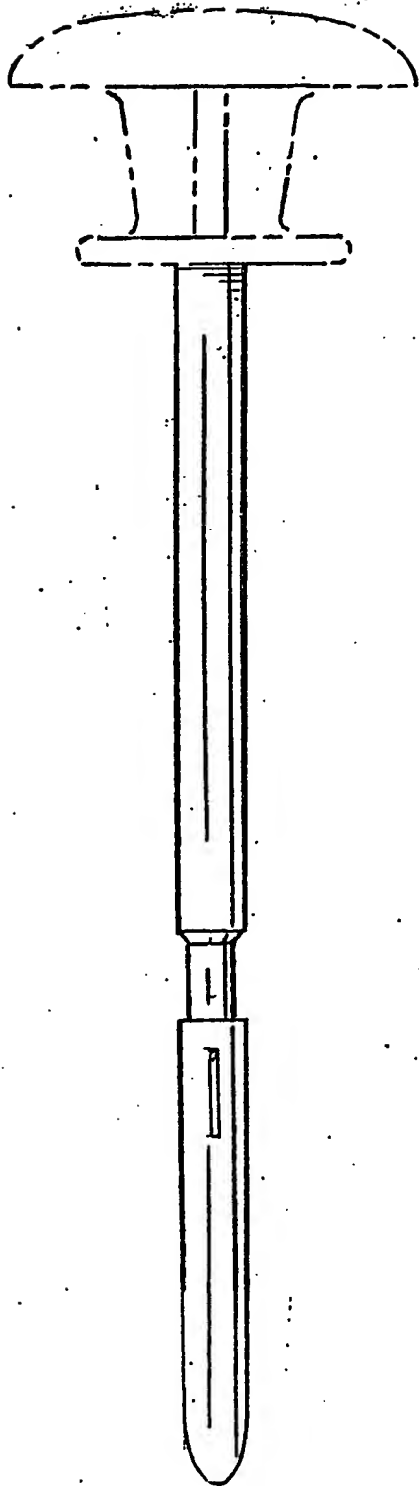
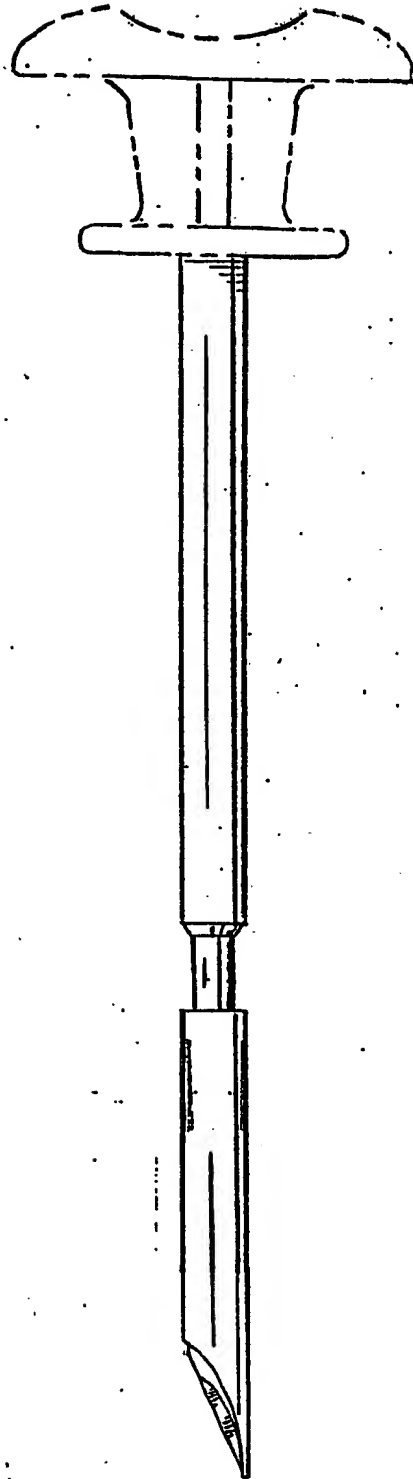


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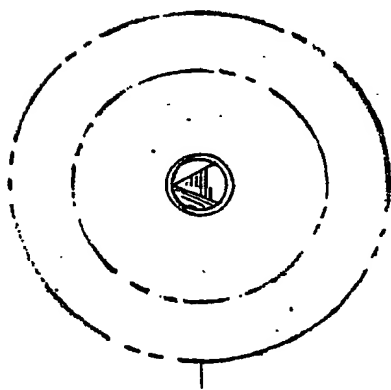
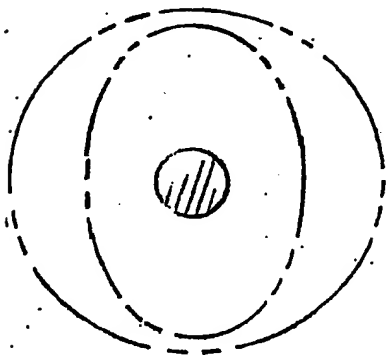


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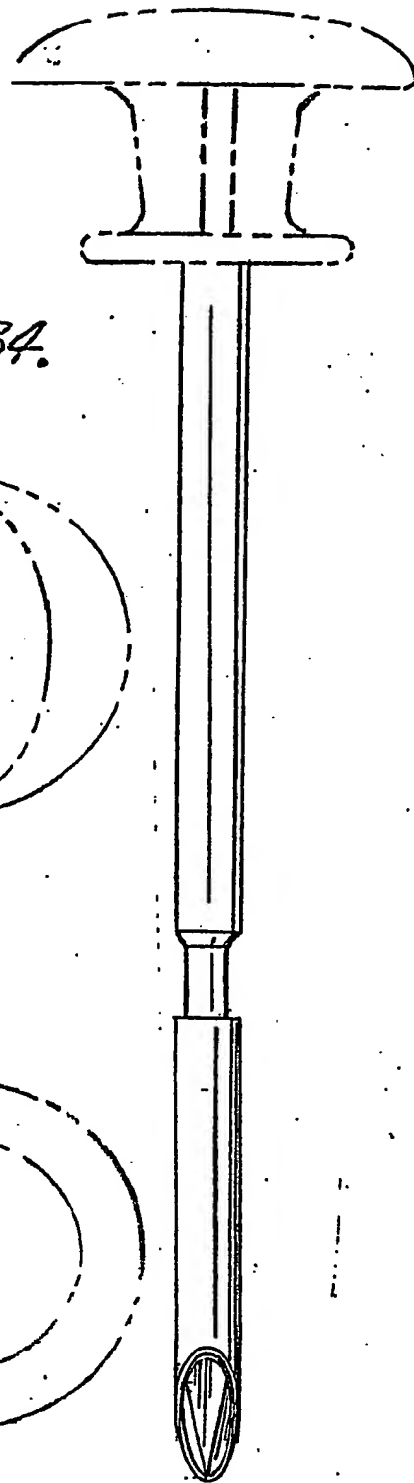


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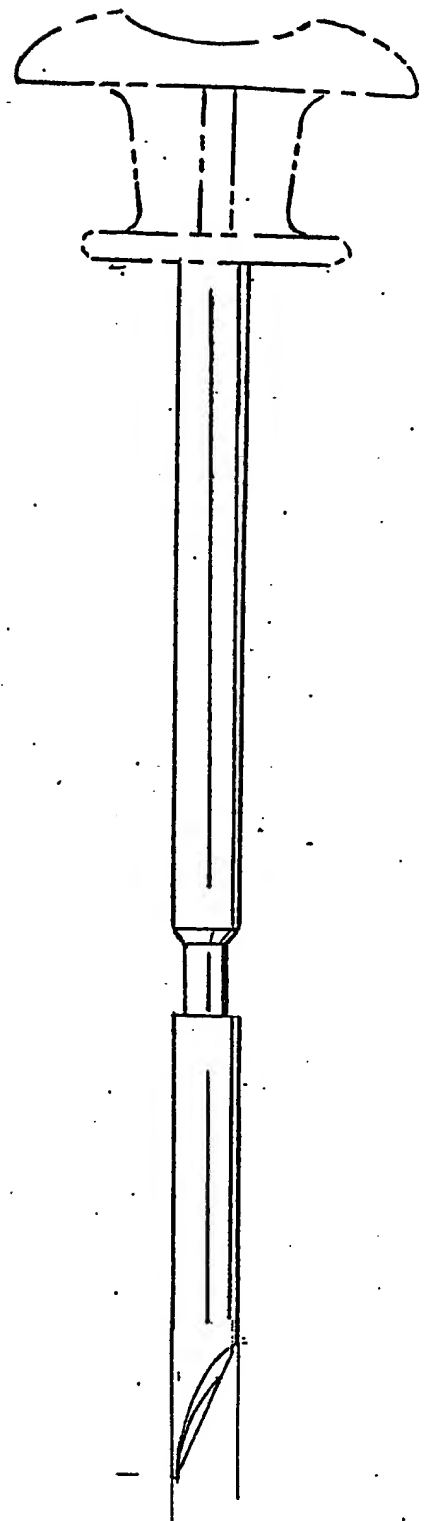
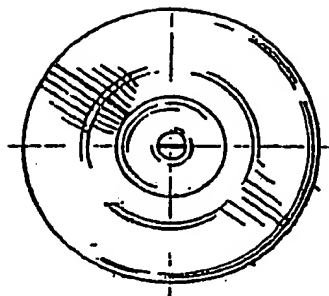


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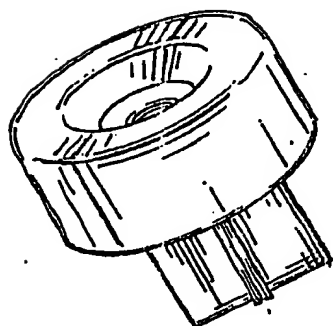
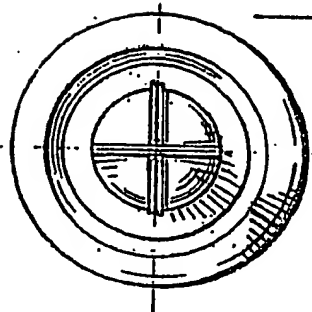


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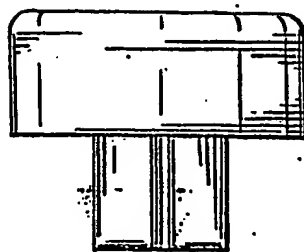
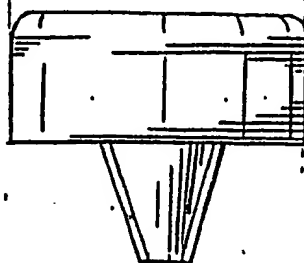


FIG. 40.



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT
APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No.: 99-P-22061

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: OBTURATOR, VALVE ASSEMBLY, AND CANNULA COMBINATION, the specification of which:

(check one)

_____ is attached hereto

X was filed on January 26, 2000

as Application Serial No. 29/117,520

and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	[<u> </u>]	[<u> </u>]
			Yes	No
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			Yes	No
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	[<u> </u>]	[<u> </u>]
			Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35; United States Code, 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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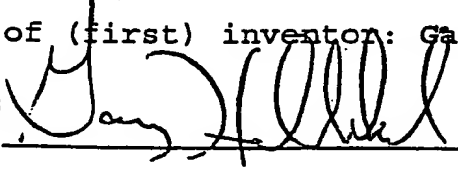
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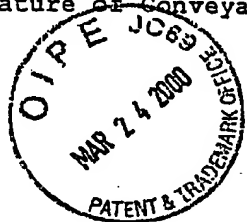
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WHEREAS, Genicon LC, a Florida limited liability corporation, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW THEREFORE, This Indenture Witnesseth: That for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS do hereby sell, assign and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in and to said United States Patent application, the invention or inventions therein shown and described and any improvements on said inventions heretofore or hereafter made, any divisions or continuations of said application, and all patents, United States and foreign, to be granted upon any such application or for the invention or inventions thereof, and any reissues, continuations or extensions of said patents; and said ASSIGNORS do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all patents on said United States Patent applications or for the invention or inventions hereof, in accordance with this assignment.

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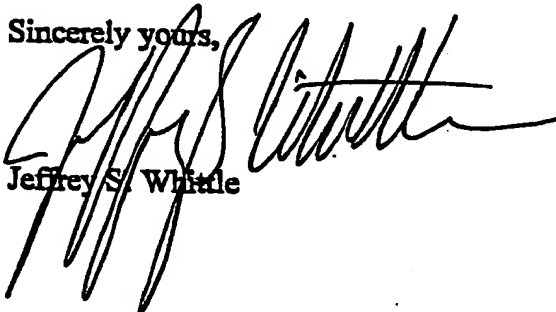
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If you should have any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please feel free to give us a call.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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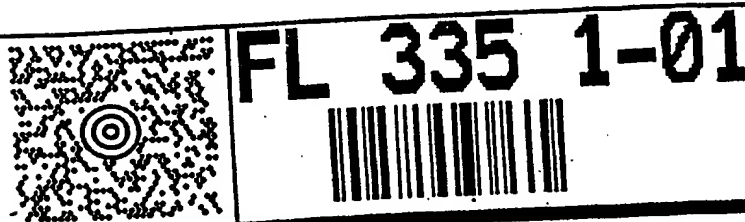
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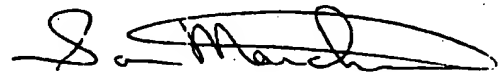
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Mr. Whittle,

I have received a request from your office for my signature on a continuation for a patent application involving Gary Haberland / Genicon. My partner, Randy Ross, pointed out that Genicon still has a balance due in regards to development work carried out by Coalesce. I would be glad to execute these documents, but I do feel that some type of agreement should be reached in regards to the development work carried out. If you have any suggestions as to how we could reach an agreement in regards to this matter I would be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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